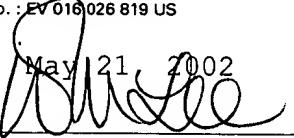




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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.114(c) TO ACCOMPANY A**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Notice of Appeal was mailed November 21, 2001. A request for a 4 month extension of time and the requisite fee accompany this amendment. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the fee therefor is also submitted herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, starting at line 7 with the following:

(Twice amended) This is a divisional of application serial number 08/615,369 filed March 14, 1996 (now US Patent No. 6,267,958) which claims priority under §119(e)(1) to provisional application number 60/029,182 filed July 27, 1995, both incorporated herein by reference.